

Hi John,

Ms. Valdivia's HARP application remains active and continues to proceed through the pre-award review process.

HARP is intended to restore storm-damaged, owner-occupied primary residences for continued owner occupancy. Federal cost principles require DCA to ensure that disaster recovery funds are spent only on necessary and reasonable costs. Additionally, program requirements require applicants to maintain ownership of the assisted property throughout project completion and to reoccupy the home following construction. Therefore, challenges like a mortgage in default, foreclosure proceedings, and/or listing the property for sale, are indicators of a potential change in ownership. Further, properties located within a historic district are subject to multiple federal, state, and local review requirements.

DCA recognizes that disaster recovery can be especially challenging for homeowners with complex projects involving historic properties. DCA also recognizes the significant challenges faced by this applicant and remains committed to working with her to identify a path forward that is consistent with HARP program requirements and DCA's obligation to administer limited federal disaster recovery funds consistently and fairly across all applicants while complying with federal law.

Regards,

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